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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111

The following remarks are submitted in response to the Office Action mailed **November 6, 2002** and are submitted within the three month shortened statutory period ending **February 6, 2003**.

REMARKS

Claims 1-12 are pending. Claims 1-12 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,344,707 to Snyder, hereinafter "Snyder" in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,719,144 to Kamat, hereinafter "Kamat."

35 U.S.C. § 103(a) Rejection

Independent claim 1 includes features that are patentable over the cited references.